

MINUTES OF BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 24, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

Fire Department Headquarters

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Robert Massey, Jr., Commissioners Ahern and Fox. Commissioners Clem participated via conference call. Commissioner LaCroix and Riccio were absent. Also present was Chief Mahoney and Assistant Chief Brian Koczak.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to approve the meeting minutes of June 22, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Personnel – Commissioner Massey reported that as a result of the additional staffing a Co. 9 response time has improved. Three firefighters are out, one on long term injury leave. Dante Ghiroli, Sr. has retired effective September 3. The commission thanked him for his years of service.

Finance – Chief Mahoney provide a brief overview of the requested transfers.

FROM:		
10142040-517000	Regular Wages & Salaries	(\$77,615.00)
TO:		
10142040-518000	Overtime	\$77,615.00
FROM:		
10142040-517000	Regular Wages & Salaries	(\$1,354.00)
TO:		
10142040-518050	Vacation	\$1,354.00
FROM:		
10142040-517000	Regular Wages & Salaries	(\$5,200.00)
10142040-518010	Overtime Public Events	(\$3,900.00)
10142040-519040	Accrued Payroll Expense	(\$9,600.00)
10142040-519050	Stipends	(\$9,900.00)
10142040-517670	Medic Shift PT	(\$65,900.00)
10142040-518150	Holiday Pay	(\$11,600.00)
10142040-518500	Special Detail	(\$1,000.00)
10142040-533600	Fire Prevention/ Investigation	(\$1,100.00)
10142040-578000	Equipment	(\$1,089.00)
TO:		
10142040-518200	Replace Sick	\$109,289.00

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FROM:		
10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$27,924.00)
TO:		
10142040-519025	Educational Incentive	\$27,924.00
FROM:		
10142040-544300	Purchased Services – R&M	(\$7,650.00)
TO:		
10142040-533300	Professional Development	\$7,650.00
FROM:		
10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$18,352.00)
TO:		
10142040-533520	Ambulance Billing	\$18,352.00
FROM:		
10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$33,577.00)
TO:		
10142040-544170	Hydrants	\$33,577.00
FROM:		
10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$4,723.00)
TO:		
10142040-566600	Medical Supplies	\$4,723.00
FROM:		
10142040-533530	Employment Testing	(\$462.00)
TO:		
10142040-566900	Other Supplies	\$462.00
FROM:		
10142040-526100	Uniform and Clothing	(\$105.00)
TO:		
10142040-588030	MISC Volunteer Expenses	\$105.00
FROM:		
10142040-588050	CMED	(\$433.00)
TO:		
10142040-588200	Memberships, Conf., Meetings	\$433.00

Motion made by Commissioner Ahern to approve the request from Fire Chief Thomas Mahoney for the end of year transfers to close out the 2022/2023 budget year, as may be amended by the Finance Department. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Ahern to approve a request from Fire Chief Thomas Mahoney to appropriate \$250,000.00 earmarked in the FY-2024 Contingency to staff the Indian Neck Station with two firefighters M-F 0800-1800. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Training – Commissioner Clem commended the department on the recent Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award in the amount of \$422,931.98. This fall they will be conducting Vehicle Training the fall, Rope training in the spring, Confined Space in the Fall of 2024 and Trench Training in the spring of 2025.

Apparatus – Chief Mahoney provided a brief report. He reported that Rick Hart, Jim Carson and Garrett Lizee have all stepped up to fill the mechanics role with DC Pepe managing the program. When necessary, apparatus repairs are sent to the best qualified vendor. Car 1 needed a new transmission at a cost of \$6,476.55. This includes a 3 year, 100,000 mile warranty. Engine 2 needed a fan clutch assembly at a cost of \$5,932.24.

EMS – Commissioner Fox reported that there have been 734 EMS incidents from July 1 to August 23, 2023. Last fiscal year ambulance billing resulting in \$2,091,941 in net revenue. They continue to receive positive feedback from the public concerning services.

Buildings – no report

Pensions and Communications – no report.

Chiefs' Report – Chief Mahoney reported that the Fire Marshal's Office is very busy they conducted 199 inspections and 290 reports have reviewed in the Brycer System between April 27 and August 21. They are also busy with Fire Prevention activities.

The Chief reported that there have been 1,009 calls for service from July 1 to August 23, 2023, averaging 18.4 calls per day. The department handled 6,750 incidents in fiscal year 2023 breaking their previous record. Having the extra staffing at Station 9 has been very helpful. So far, they have received positive feedback on the proposed staffing plan.

Assistant Chief's report – Assistant Chief Koczak reported that he invited OSHA to do a walk through and consultation. Working on updating the fire department dispatch procedures.

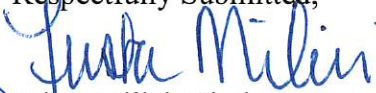
Old Business – none

New Business – none

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Motion made by Commissioner Ahern to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Seconded by  
Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trista Milici, Clerk